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Application Number : **10/520,995**

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Examiner : **James R. Harvey**

Art Unit : **2833**

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Response to Examination Report of 16th December 2005 on application No 10/520,995

Dear Sir,

I have endeavoured to present a counter argument to your objections on a number of points and to define my connector's benefits and inventive qualities a bit better.

In order to try to expedite matters I have amended my claims again and the related sections of the description, in particular a new Claim 1 which I hope will now clearly define my invention as being new and inventive. I believe the original Claim 2 has not been disclosed by the cited prior art and have given my reasons in my response. The new Claim 1 now incorporates the restrictions of the original claims 2 and 3 and I hope that in the light of this submission, you will feel able to acknowledge the novelty and inventiveness of each of my claims as now presented.

I hope that these and the main response meet your requirements of format and proper procedure. If there is anything further you require please do not hesitate to ask.
Many thanks for your help in this matter.

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